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SUBJECT: 1974 DAHOMEY NATIONAL BUDGET

1. DAHOMEY NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (NRC) APPROVED 1974 OPERATIONS BUDGET ON JANUARY 23 AFTER THREE-DAY SPECIAL SESSION. AFTER STUDYING DAHOMEY'S FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION, ACCORDING TO JANUARY 25 DAHO-EXPRESS, NRC PLACED HIGHEST PRIORITY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC SECTORS -- RURAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, INFORMATION, AND EDUCATION. NRC ALSO CALLED FOR NATION-WIDE SEMINAR TO STUDY DAHOMEY'S FISCAL PROBLEMS TO BE CONVENED DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 1974.

2. TOTAL CY 1974 EXPENDITURES ESTIMATED AT CFA 13.57 BILLION (\$52.2 MILLION US) VERSUS EXPECTED REVENUES OF CFA 12.48 BILLION (\$48.0 MILLION US) RESULTING IN DEFICIT OF CFA 1.09 BILLION (\$4.2 MILLION US). COMPARED WITH CY 1973 ESTIMATES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPENDITURES ROSE BY NEARLY 3 PERCENT, RECEIPTS BY LESS

THAN 1 PERCENT ,
LEADING TO 36 PERCENT HIGHER EXPECTED DEFICIT IN CY 1974.

3. WE INFORMED THAT BUDGET DISCUSSION LENGTHY AND DIFFICULT
IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND THAT NRC FORCED REVISION OF
BUDGET PRIORITIES BY THREATENED RESIGNATION OF ABOUT 20
CIVILIAN MEMBERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE LEFTISTS.*

4. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME NRC HAS FLEXED ITS MUSCLES,
INDICATING IT MAY NOT TURN OUT TO BE THE DOCILE TOOL
ENVISAGED BY ITS MILITARY CREATERS (COTONOU A-96).
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